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UPDATES TO THE WAUKESHA COUNTY SHORELAND AND FLOODLAND SUBDIVISION CONTROL ORDINANCE

By: Kathy Moore, Senior Planner

The Planning and Zoning Division is currently in the process of updating the Waukesha County Shoreland and Floodland Subdivision Control Ordinance, in accordance with recommendations made by the adhoc Land Development Workgroup. One of the recommended changes was that all Land Division Ordinances in Waukesha County have a consistent definition of a “Subdivision”. Currently the Shoreland and Floodland Subdivision Ordinance defines a “Subdivision” as a land division which creates three (3) or more lots of five (5) acres or less in area, within a five (5) year period. The proposed new definition of a “Subdivision” is a land division which creates five (5) or more lots of 1 1/2 acres or less in area, inclusive of the original remnant parcel, within a five (5) year period, or a land division which creates six (6) or more residential parcels of any size, inclusive of the original remnant parcel, within a five (5) year period.



Another significant change is the requirement that a “Check List” be used for all reviews of Subdivision Plats and Certified Survey Maps. It is hoped that the use of a “Check List” will ensure a consistency of land division reviews, as well as aid surveyors, engineers, and developers in the preparation and submittal of Subdivision Plats and Certified Survey Maps. Amendments are also proposed to the Compliance Section of the Subdivision Control Ordinance, which will update it to reference the new Ordinance Regulating Private Onsite Sewage Disposal Systems, the County Trunk Highway Access Ordinance, the Waukesha County Construction Site Erosion and Stormwater Management Ordinance, and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation’s TRANS 233 Permit. Amendments to update the submittal procedure are also proposed.

County ordinance updates are in the works to address land division issues in the shoreline & floodplain areas.

A Joint Public Hearing regarding the proposed amendments to the Shoreland and Floodland Subdivision Control Ordinance was held by the Land Use, Parks and Environment Committee and the Waukesha County Park and Planning Commission on April 12, 2001. In addition, the Planning and Zoning Division staff is collecting comments from local municipalities and the public, prior to the proposed amendments being forwarded to the Waukesha County Board of Supervisors for their approval.

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From the Director's Corner



As personal and business commitments become more challenging to meet, users of governmental services are more interested in getting information from the internet. This approach allows service users to obtain information when it is most convenient for their busy schedules.

To accommodate the requests for information, the Department is proud to introduce our web site. The address is: www.waukeshacounty.gov/landandparks. Although a work in progress, the site will enable users to be able to access information concerning:

Business and Residential Recycling	Household Hazardous Waste
Stormwater Management *	Water Quality
Natural Resources	On-Site Sewage Systems
Private Wells	Restaurants and Retail Food
Rabies Control	Golf Courses
Ice Arenas	Waukesha Cty Exposition Ctr
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Note: The asterick (*) indicates sections still under development as of the printing of this issue of the Resource Report.

Visitors to the Department's web site will be able to navigate through the organization chart, current year initiatives, including construction projects in the parks, obtain a budget summary, view samples of maps available for order, print permit applications, check out current employment opportunities, search out the various services by Division and provide direct feedback to the Department.

So what's next: Each of the the Department's Divisions will be on-line by the **end of 2001**. Information concerning land use planning, zoning and the Land Information System are currently under development.

In **2002**, the Department will be releasing the availability to make on-line camping and picnicing reservations as well as be able to complete permit applications and return them through the internet. The Department is also working on the ability to make reservations at each of our three golf courses.

Planning and Zoning Division Now Provides Community Assistance Planning in the Town of Lisbon

By: *Sandy Scherer*
Senior Land Use Specialist

Community Assistance Planning is a service provided by the Planning and Zoning Division to local municipalities that have contracted for consultant planning services. This program has been expanded in 2001 to include the Town of Lisbon. This service allows the Towns to have a professional planner assist them in reviewing subdivision plats, certified survey maps, conditional use applications, site plans and plans of operation, proposed zoning changes, variances, other land use issues, and to provide written reviews and recommendations to the Town Planning Commission and/or the Town Board. In addition, the Planner may be asked to prepare amendments to zoning ordinances, land division ordinances, and land use plans. The advantage to the Towns is that they are able to tap into the vast resources available at the County to provide cost effective planning services to their constituents, and base their development decisions on sound land use management principles.

The other Towns that have contracted with the Planning and Zoning Division for planning services are the Town of Vernon (since 1995), the Town of Mukwonago (since 1998), the Town of Ottawa (since 1999), and the Town of Oconomowoc (since 2000). Sandy Scherer, Senior Land Use Specialist, is the designated Planner for the Towns of Lisbon and Ottawa. Kathy Moore, Senior Planner, is the designated Planner for the Towns of Vernon and Mukwonago, and Jeff Herrmann, Senior Planner, is the designated Planner for the Town of Oconomowoc. For more information regarding this service, please contact Sandy Scherer, Kathy Moore or Jeff Herrmann at (262) 548-7790.

New Faces



DON HECKEL joined the Planning and Zoning Division in February, as a Senior Land Use Specialist. After spending four years in the U.S. Navy, stationed in Guam and San Diego, Don attended UW-Milwaukee, where he received a B.A. degree in Geography and a certificate in Urban Planning. He was previously employed as a Planner in the Community Assistance Planning Division of the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC). Don lives in Milwaukee with his wife Kelli. They are members of the Alterra Coffee Mountain Bike Race Team. Don also enjoys golf, volleyball, and basketball.

MICHELLE STAFF also joined the Planning and Zoning Division in February, as a Senior Land Use Specialist. She graduated from UW-Whitewater with a B.S. degree in Geography and is currently working towards a Masters degree in Public Administration at UW-Oshkosh. She was previously employed as a GIS Technician with the Jefferson County Land Conservation and Zoning Department. Michelle lives in Fort Atkinson with her husband of two years.

LEIF HAUGE joined the Land Resources Division in April as a Senior Civil Engineer after spending ten years working for two engineering consulting companies in the Milwaukee area. Leif attended Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, then taught high school math as a Peace Corps volunteer in Togo, West Africa. After returning, Leif earned a BS and MS in Civil / Environmental Engineering at Michigan Technological

University in his hometown of Houghton, Michigan. Leif lives in the Town of Summit with his wife, Jean, and two cats. Leif is a Professional Engineer and Professional Hydrologist in the State of Wisconsin. Leif enjoys bicycling and playing ice hockey, among numerous other activities.

MARY MAIDA also joined the Land Resources Division in April as a Senior Conservation Specialist. Mary has been working for the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (NCWRPC) for the past two years as a planner and previously worked for the Jefferson County Land Conservation Department. She received a B.S. degree in Resource Management from UW – Stevens Point. Mary resides in the Town of Oconomowoc with her husband Michael and enjoys many outdoor activities such as camping, biking, and hiking.

Waukesha County Parks says a sad, good-bye to Kelly Valentino, who took a job as Recreation Director for the Village of Jackson in February. **MONA BAUER** joined the staff in March as Parks Program Specialist. She previously worked as Recreation Director in the Town of Mukwonago. Mona has a degree in Marketing from WCTC and a degree in Recreation from Kent State University. She lives in Mukwonago with her husband Mike, and five children, Leslie 21, Jeremy 19, Jenn 17, Nate 16 and Nick 14. She enjoys coaching soccer, gardening, and playing on the computer.

New Park Supervisor, **DUANE GRIMM** comes to Waukesha County from the City of Neenah where he served eight years as Park Superintendent. Duane received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Park Management from South Dakota State University. He is married to Debra and has three children Rachel, Ericka, and Carly. Landscaping, and wood-working are hobbies he enjoys.

Students are “Champions of the Environment”

By: *Jayne Jenks, Conservation Specialist*

Nearly 200 students in Waukesha County took the opportunity to be a “champion” for their environment by preparing posters, essays, videos and computer art for the 2nd annual **Champions of the Environment** competition. This years winners are:

Poster grades k-2	Spokesperson grades 3-5
1 st Tyler Naumowicz Hillcrest Elementary	1 st Sean Tehan Heyer Elementary
2 nd Micaela Siraj Hillcrest Elementary	
3 rd Kimberly Brandt Hillcrest Elementary	
Poster grades 3-5	Spokesperson grades 6-8
1 st Kelly Cegielski Trinity Lutheran	1 st Chris Sonier Templeton Middle School
2 nd Katie Hierlmeier Trinity Lutheran	2 nd Rebecca Schlehlein Templeton Middle School
3 rd Mark Brandt Hillcrest Elementary	3 rd Ryan Miracle Templeton Middle School
Poster grades 6-8	Essay grades 3-5
1 st Evan Vogel Templeton Middle School	1 st Parry Koutsios Woodside Elementary
2 nd Kelly Pritchard Thomas Jefferson Middle School	
3 rd Matthew Kraus Templeton Middle School	Essay grades 6-8
	1 st Rebecca Cassells Templeton Middle School
	2 nd Katie Danner Templeton Middles School
	3 rd Alli Umhoefer Templeton Middle School
Computer Art grades 3-5	Computer Art grades 6-8
1 st Tim Sweeney St. John Vianney	1 st Steven Binko St. Luke's
2 nd Matt Otto St. John Vianney	2 nd Kelly Borden St. Luke's
3 rd Ashley Nicola Horizon School	3 rd Katie Kuffel St. Luke's

These students will be honored at a reception on May 29, where they will receive medallions and savings bonds of \$100 for first place, \$75 for second place and \$50 for third place. Not only are these our “Champions” of today, but they will be our champions for the future. Congratulations!



Denise Oettinger, Humane Animal Specialist, with her dog Recon.

Highlights From the Humane Animal Program

*By: James Stadler & Jill Posanski
Humane Animal Specialists*

The Humane Animal Program has made the transition into the computer age. Our recently updated forms and newly created databases help us track our calls and assist us in serving the public. With spring upon us, we anticipate our usual surge in wildlife inquiries and dog bite incidents. The new computers and software will be a definite help in getting us through this busy season.

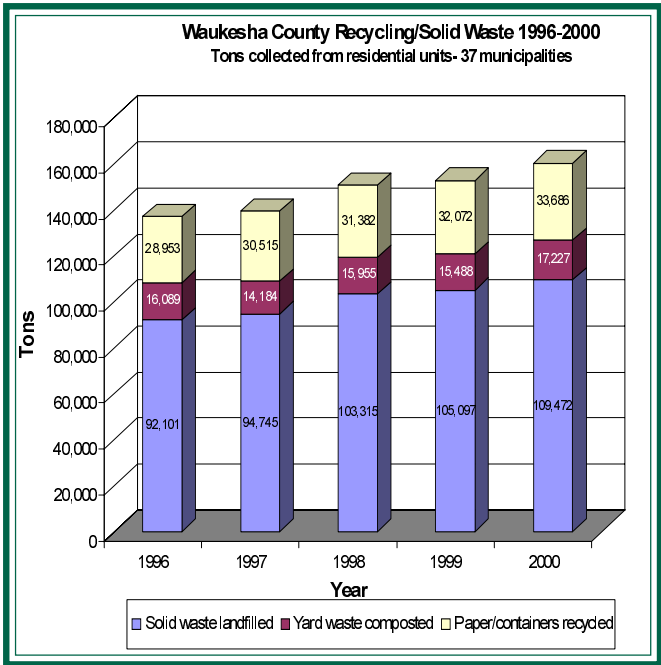
We have had several interesting cases assisting local law enforcement with rabies and humane related issues. Recently, in a local physical fitness center, we captured a bat exhibiting unusual behavior. Tests showed that the bat did not have rabies. We have also had bite cases involving coyotes and raccoons. We oversaw the surrender of several neglected cats and took them to the Humane Society. Much to our delight, they were all adopted into caring homes. We assisted the Sheriff's Department in transporting an elderly couple's dog to the emergency veterinary clinic for treatment of its seizures. The county Humane Animal Specialists, Denise, James and Jill have completed various training courses that help them in their duties serving county residents both human and animal.

Builders Achieve Recycling Results

By: Linda Wainstock, Recycling Specialist

Through a cooperative effort between the Metropolitan Builders Association, the builders, Wisconsin Environmental Initiative and WasteCap Wisconsin, ten builders recycled wood and cardboard from their building sites in the Village of North Prairie and the Town of Delafield this summer. WasteCap Wisconsin developed, monitored and measured results of the recycling program for the participating builders.

Wood and cardboard were recycled on ten building sites. Cardboard was recycled through a contract with The Peltz Group, Inc., who provided eight-yard covered bins for collection. The different look of these bins from a trash container helped keep contamination down. Wood was recycled through a contract with WoodCycle, Inc. The cost of recycling both cardboard and wood was 57% less than the cost of trash disposal. A time-based management approach was used, so the recycling containers were



on the building site only when the majority of the recyclables were generated. As a result of these efforts, 52.4 tons of wood and cardboard were recycled from the building sites, comprising 46% of the total waste.

On a typical home construction site, 50% of the waste is wood and cardboard according to a 1998 study by Camp, Dresser & McKee. The wood recycled is enough to build more than four average-sized homes, according to figures from the USDA Forest Products Lab. In total, the equivalent of 376 trees (two acres) was saved.

As a result of this project, some builders are now recycling on other job sites as well. "It's pretty simple and it's cheaper, plus it's the right thing to do, so why not?" noted one builder.

For more information about the recycling program, contact WasteCap Wisconsin at 414-961-1100.

The Old Swimming Hole!

*By: Alice Slusher
Environmental Health Sanitarian*

Splashing in one of the 84 licensed seasonal public pools located in Waukesha County is one option for water fun this summer. You may also choose to take a dip at one of the five Waukesha County park beaches. Either way the Environmental Health Division strives to keep your recreational outing a healthy and safe one. Operators of public swimming pools are required to check for adequate chlorine disinfection and proper pH levels a minimum of twice daily and submit their monthly test records to the Environmental Health Division. Environmental Health Sanitarians make periodic and unannounced inspections to insure proper code compliance. If you visit one of our own county park swimming beaches you'll find life guards on duty and weekly beach water samples being tested for the presence of fecal coliform bacteria at our own state-certified laboratory. For your safety and your family's don't swallow recreational water, change young children's swim diapers frequently and always shower before and after leaving swimming areas. Health hazards associated with recreational waters include dermatitis, gastrointestinal illness, and "Swimmer's Itch, a red itchy rash, which can develop from swimming in lakes. Medical attention is seldom needed for these illnesses. If you have questions concerning water-borne illnesses, a Public Health Nurse or your physician may be able to assist you. Remember that all testing and inspection reports are a matter of public record. You can always ask to see these reports before entering any licensed recreation center, water park, condominium, apartment, fitness center or hotel pool anywhere in the state. Our goal is to help you enjoy a safe and healthy summer of swimming.

If you have questions concerning the county's beaches, seasonal public pools, (and the 99 year around licensed public pools), please call an Environmental Health Supervisor at (262) 896-8300.



From the Desk of County Executive Daniel M. Finley...

Waukesha County has a park system that is second to none in Wisconsin. From exploring the environment at the Retzer Nature Center and swimming at Fox Brook Park to facing the challenge of Naga-Waukeē Golf Course and skating at the Eble Ice Center, we have something to offer to every outdoor enthusiast.

I am pleased to inform you about some exciting improvements being made to the Waukesha County Park System this year. Work continues on Fox River Park in the Town of Waukesha. Fox River Park will provide picnic areas, recreation and education trails, canoe access and a boardwalk/overlook of the Fox River. We are also extending the Lake Country Recreation Trail from Cushing Park in the City of Delafield into the Town of Summit.

And, as always, an additional \$1 million will be earmarked for the Legacy Parkland Acquisition Fund for continued purchases of parkland and open space. This program has been a tremendous success as we have purchased hundreds of acres of land to develop into parks in the years to come.

I am proud to continue my commitment to provide a quality Waukesha County Park System for our citizens today and for future generations.

County Adds Annual Satellite HHW Collections

By: Linda Wainstock, Recycling Specialist

In the addition to the County's three year-round household hazardous waste (HHW) collection sites at Menomonee Falls, Muskego and Waukesha City, residents in outlying communities have an opportunity to take their hazardous waste to a nearby site on a set date once a year.

This new arrangement began in May with Mukwonago being the first community to have their annual collection on the 3rd Saturday in May, followed by Brookfield the 1st Saturday in June. From now on, the communities listed below will have HHW collections on the same Saturday of the same month each year.

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to Noon

Collection Site: Municipal garage or DPW building

Brookfield	1 st Saturday in June
Delafield	3 rd Saturday in June
Mukwonago Village	3 rd Saturday in May
New Berlin	4 th Saturday in September
Oconomowoc	2 nd Saturday in September
Ottawa	1 st Saturday in October

For a brochure listing locations, times and acceptable materials for all of the household hazardous waste collection sites, call the county's HHW information line at (262) 896-8016 or visit the website at www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling



Gearing Up For Summer Fun!

By: *Mona Bauer*
Parks Program Specialist

The daffodils are starting to bloom and the spring peepers are singing their songs in the marsh. Both are sure signs of spring. Is summer just around the corner?

Waukesha County Parks are gearing up to prepare for the busy season. The beaches are scheduled to open on Saturday, June 2nd. The lifeguards are being hired and trained. Sign up has begun for summer swimming lessons at all the beaches. Call 548-7801 to reserve a lesson spot. Bring out the hiking boots and walking sticks to take those nice leisurely walks through a natural setting. Start planning your summer picnics in the shelters and pavilions. Be sure and call to reserve a place for the family camping in the park campgrounds. Come on out and enjoy the springtime weather, colors and smells of spring in the natural resource settings of the County Parks System.

With the rejuvenation of spring into summer so is our County Parks System under renewal. Naga-Waukee Park is reconstructing the parking lots. Work started in April and is due to be completed by June 1st. The park is combining and adding some lots near picnic shelters 4 and 5. The upper lots off of Mariner Drive are being resurfaced. Please accept our apologies for any delays and inconveniences this refurbish may cause as the project may result in temporary closures of parts of the park.

Naga-Waukee is also reconstructing Lake Nagawicka’s Boat Launch. One side of the boat launch will be open at all times for your convenience. The project is due to be completed by early June.

Speaking of construction! Highway County E near Naga-Waukee Golf Course and Pewaukee Lake Access is under a major reconstruction and renovation project. The entrance into the golf course and Pewaukee Lake Access will be affected as this project proceeds. Alternate routes will be available during the different phases of this reconstruction project.

For further details about the reconstruction around Naga-Waukee Park, stop by or contact the Parks and Land Use Office at 548-7801 for a construction brochure. The Highway E road reconstruction is due to be completed in early October.

WAUKESHA COUNTY GIS ACTIVITY		AUGUST 1998 – AUGUST 1999
Group	Activity	
Wisconsin DOT		Parcel and Air Photo Information
UW Extension		Parcel maps and police call activity in Village of Sussex
Sheriff Department		Information provided for: 1)Tactical Situations 2)Missing Persons 3)Training Exercise
Land Conservation		1)Watershed plots 2)Soils Information
Purchasing		Data for radio tower bid
Facilities Management		County owned property plots for analysis
Emergency Management		Plots for emergency planning
Parks		1)Retzner Nature Ctr information 2)Greenway Study Plan Implementation assistance
Village of Sussex		Parcel mapping for use in creating Public Works Management System
Village of Menomonee Falls		Parcel mapping for use in creating Public Works Management System
City of Pewaukee		Parcel mapping files
Village of Mukwonago		Parcel Map for creating Village Base Map
Wisconsin Electric		Parcel maps
Various Engineering Companies		Parcel maps for assisting municipalities & developers with development analysis
Tax Listing and Local Assessors		New set of parcel maps being created for Tax Listing and Assessment purposes

New County Agricultural and Business Clean Sweep Program

By: *Brian Lynch, Grad Intern*

Businesses, farms, greenhouses and nurseries in Waukesha County have the opportunity to dispose of their pesticides and other hazardous chemicals in a special program which began in May and continues through December 2001. The drop off site is at the City of Waukesha Incinerator at 900 Sentry Drive on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month from 8AM-4PM and every third Wednesday, 11AM-7PM May through October. Pre-registration is required. For registration information, visit www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling. Active and inactive farms can call the Waukesha County Recycling and Solid Waste office at 262-896-8327 and businesses can call Heritage Environmental Services at 1-630-739-1151 Ext. 288.

This hazardous waste disposal program offers active and inactive farms and small businesses a cheap and convenient way to safely dispose of hazardous materials. Farmers and abandoned farms receive free disposal. Businesses will receive a 50% discount on pesticides only and pay a reduced rate on other hazardous materials. Waukesha County coordinates the program with grant funding from The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP).

Mine Reclamation Ordinance in the Works

By: *Perry Lindquist*
Land Resources Manager

A work group sponsored by the Land Resources Division recently finished drafting an ordinance that will require the reclamation of gravel pits and stone quarries - known as “nonmetallic” mines in a new state law. The new law became effective last December and requires every county in the state to adopt and enforce a *Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance* this year. The two main purposes of the local ordinances are to protect the environment and encourage other uses of the property after mining is complete.

In a nutshell, the ordinance requires the operator of each nonmetallic mine in the county to develop a reclamation plan as a condition of obtaining a permit. The reclamation plan must follow minimum performance standards outlined in the ordinance, including showing final site grades and describing soil-stabilizing techniques. The plan must be based on a post-mining land use that has been approved by the local zoning authorities. Once the reclamation plan is approved, the operator must provide a financial assurance, which is held until all the reclamation work has been completed. Annual inspections and operator reports are required. Communities must also submit annual reports to the DNR as part of local program audit requirements.

It should be noted that the ordinance only addresses the reclamation of mines. It does not regulate the location of new mines or address mine operating issues such as noise controls, hours of operation, setbacks, view screens, etc. These continue to be local zoning issues.

The DNR provided a model ordinance that incorporates the requirements of the new law, which the work group used as a basis for the county draft. Most changes made to the model ordinance are aimed to clarify provisions and adapt them to local conditions. The new law *allows* any city, village or town to adopt and enforce their own reclamation ordinance. However, only counties are *required* to do so - and have deadlines to meet.

Unfortunately, the deadlines have not allowed much time for county staff interaction with other local communities. To make up for this fact, we are hoping for a high attendance at the upcoming informational meeting/public hearing.



A draft county ordinance that regulates the reclamation of gravel pits and stone quarries is scheduled for a public hearing on June 7.

Informational Meeting/Public Hearing
Thursday, June 7 - 7:00 PM
Room 255/259
Waukesha County Administration Center

A memo was sent to all local communities in January explaining the process the county would follow in developing the ordinance and the options communities would have in adopting the new requirements. A short presentation was also given at a quarterly Towns Association meeting at the same time. Like many counties in the state, we are behind schedule, but are still striving to meet the statutory August 1 deadline for permit applications. A complete draft will be sent to each community with an invitation to the upcoming meeting. The final ordinance must be certified by the DNR and approved by the Waukesha County Board.

Additional copies of the draft ordinance are available from the Land Resources Division. Call 262-896-8300 or stop at Room 260 of the Waukesha County Administration Center. On June 7, we will explain the draft county ordinance, accept public comments, and review options available to other communities.

